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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PRESS ON US RESPONSE TO EC NINE EFFORTS
ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS

1. "LE LIBRE BELGIQUE" SETPTEMBER 14 CARRIES STORY INDICATING
THAT US OFFICIALS DO NOT NECESSARILY BELIEVE THAT RECENT EUROPEA
PROPOSALS FOR AN ATLANTIC DECLARATION ARE SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIVE
TO WRAANT A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE.

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2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT:

"THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES THAT THE EUROPEAN HAVE JUST SUBMITTED (SIC) TO THE UNITED STATES IS STILL FAR FROM THE DOCUMENT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD WISH TO SEE ADOPTED BY HIS ALLIES AT THE TIME OF HIS TRIP TO EUROPE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, THEY SAY IN OFFICIAL AMERICAN CIRCLES.

"THE DOCUMENT ADOPTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN IS UNDER STUDY BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NO DETAILS ON ITS CONTENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY AMERICAN SOURCES.

"BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING HIS NOMINATION TO THE POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. HENRY KISSINGER CONFINED HIMSELF TO DECLARING HIMSELF SATISFIED THAT THE EUROPEAN HAD FOR THE FIRST TIME MADE A COMMON RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON THE DEFINITION OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD GUIDE THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EEC.

" NO DECISION CONCERNING THE TRIP OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO WESTERN EUROPE CAN BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY STUDIED, DECLARED MR. GERALD WARREN, THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, MR. WARREN CONTINUED, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE A DATE FOR A TRIP BY PRESIDENT NIXON. HE ALSO REFUSED TO MAKE EXPLICIT WHETHER THE TRIP WOULD TAKE PLACE.

"IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, MR. WARREN INSISTED HOWEVER ON THE FACT THAT MR. NIXON DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE A PROTOCOL VISIT TO EUROPE BUT THAT HE WOULD ONLY GO THERE FOR IMPORTANT THINGS."

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